Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 AMMAN 03935 150652Z

21
ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /026 W
---------- 047762
R 150612Z JUN 75
FM AMEMBASSY AMMAN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4832
INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT
AMEMBASSY JIDDA

S E C R E T AMMAN 3935

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: NGDS
TAGS: PFOR, EAID, SREF, JO, SA, IQ
SUBJECT: TALK WITH PRIME MINISTER RIFAI: UNRWA, TAPLINE, SAUDI RELATIONS

1. MORNING JUNE 14 I SAW PRINE MINISTER RIFAI ON A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS RELATING TO KING'W TRIP TO SAUDI ARABIA ANS ALLIED QUESTIONS.

2. RIFAI CONFIRMED THAT SAUDIS WILL PAY FOR AIR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT FOR JORDAN. PRICING WILL BE WHATEVER USG CHARGES SAUDIS FOR SIMILAR EQUIPMENT. CHIEF OF STAFF BIN SHAKER LEAVING TODAY FOR SAUDI ARABIA AND OMAN. WILL VISIT OMAN FIRST AND THEN SEE PRINCE FAHD ON WAY BACK. HE HAS LATEST PRICES ON VULCAN. PRIME MINISTER CONFIRMED THAT ISSUE OF $30M CREDIT FOR THIS YEAR ALREADY RAISED WITH SAUDIS AND THEY WILL AGREE. I EXPLAINED (STATE 139603) AS TO PROCEDURES FOR SIGNING.

3. ON UNRWA: FAHD AGAIN CONFIRMED SAUDI WILLINGNESS TO HELP, BUT THEY WANT COMPANY FORM OTHER ARABS. THEY WILL CONTRIBUTE TO A SPECIAL FUND OR TO UNESCO FOR THIS PURPOSE. THEY WERE IMPRESSED BY THE NEED TO CONTINUE WITH EDUCATION FOR THE PALESTINIANS. RIFAI SAYS HE PASSED A MESSAGE TO COMGEN RENNIE FROM
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 AMMAN 03935 150652Z

FAHD INVITING RENNIE TO RIYADH TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE.

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006

RIFAI IS OPTIMISTIC THE PROBLEM CAN BE HANDLED.

4. ON TAPLINE: RIFAI SAID THAT SAUDIS WANT JORDAN TO
NEGOTIATE WITH TAPLINE ON A NEW PRICE FOR OIL DELIVERIES
INCLUDING FULL SAUDI TAXES. RIFAI SAYS HE IS PREPARED,
AT SAUDI REQUEST, TO DROP ROYALTIES AND ALSO TO
CONSIDER INCREASING HIS OWN PRICE PER BARREL FROM
$1.90 TO $3.00. SAUDIS HAVE PROMISED TO REBATE
JORDANIANS DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TAPLINE
NEGOTIATED PRICE AND SOME FIGURE TO BE WORKED OUT.
RIFAI SAYS HE HOPES THAT IT WILL BE AROUND $3.00.
HE WILL BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH TAPLINE SOON.
HE ALSO SAID SAUDIS ARE DETERMINED TO KEEP LINE OPEN,
WILL NEGOTIATE A SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT WITH LEBANON AND
WILL REDUCE SIDON PRICE TO MAKE TAPLINE COMPETITIVE.
SAUDIS ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE TOLD TAPLINE THEY ARE
TO MAKE NO PROFITS ON SALE OF OIL IN JORDAN, ONLY
THEIR COMPANY FEE FOR CARRYING THE OIL.
PICKERING

SECRET

NNN

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MILITARY ASSISTANCE, PETROLEUM, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS, PRICES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 15 JUN 1975
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975AMMAN03935
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: DG ALTERED
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750208-0597
From: AMMAN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750648/aaaabrfr.tel
Line Count: 80
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 27 MAY 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <27 MAY 2003 by ifshinsr>; APPROVED <28 MAY 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TALK WITH PRIME MINISTER RIFAI: UNRWA, TAPLINE, SAUDI RELATIONS
TAGS: PFOR, EAID, SREF, JO, SA, LE, (RIFAI, ZAYD)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006